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THE WIC PROGRAM CONTINUES SERVING FAMILIES DURING COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Miami, FL – The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County WIC Program has 15 WIC centers in Miami-Dade County that continue providing virtual services. Most services will be conducted by phone, email, mail or fax including eligibility determination, nutrition counseling, breastfeeding support, food package assignments, and EBT card issuance. Select number of clients may need to physically come into a WIC center if they have a specialized formula that needs to be directly provided to the client or if they are unable to send documents electronically. For in-person services, 9 WIC centers remain physically open. Visit miamidadewic.org for updated information regarding the WIC Program COVID-19 response.

Pregnant women and families with children under 5 who are experiencing a loss of income due to the COVID-19 crisis are encouraged to apply for WIC. Most benefits and services can be provided remotely. To apply, call the WIC appointment line at 786.336.1300. Due to a higher than normal call volume you may experience longer wait times. Our dedicated WIC staff are ready to help and serve the community.

WIC provides healthy foods, nutrition education and breastfeeding support to pregnant, recently postpartum, breastfeeding women, infants and children up to age 5 who meet the income criteria and are at nutritional risk. The income guidelines for the WIC program have recently been updated, refer to table below. Families who are currently enrolled in Medicaid, SNAP (food stamps), or Temporary Cash Assistance programs are automatically income eligible for the program. You do not need to be on a government assistance program to qualify. Citizenship or legal residency is not required to participate in the WIC program.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR THE WIC PROGRAM EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 2020					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
1	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$984	\$908	\$454
2	\$31,894	\$2,658	\$1,329	\$1,227	\$614
3	\$40,182	\$3,349	\$1,675	\$1,546	\$773
4	\$48,470	\$4,040	\$2,020	\$1,865	\$933
5	\$56,758	\$4,730	\$2,365	\$2,183	\$1,092
6	\$65,046	\$5,421	\$2,711	\$2,502	\$1,251
7	\$73,334	\$6,112	\$3,056	\$2,821	\$1,411
8	\$81,622	\$6,802	\$3,401	\$3,140	\$1,570
If you have more than 8 people in your household, please call 786.336.1300 for more details.					

For more information on the WIC Program and latest updates on our COVID-19 response, visit our webpage at www.miamidadewic.org.

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